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Letter dated 12 March 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Cyprus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to inform you that the Republic of Cyprus, consistent with the decision of its Council of Ministers dated 23 January 2013, has decided to provide support to the Malian Defence and Security Forces, in line with the request made by the Security Council in its resolution 2085 (2012).

This support is in the form of 2,364 Zastava 7.62mm rifles, following the request by the Malian armed forces, as verified by a French assessment mission. The provision of this support has been dispatched to Mali and has been welcomed by the Transitional Government of Mali.

I would be grateful if you could have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Nicholas **Emiliou**

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